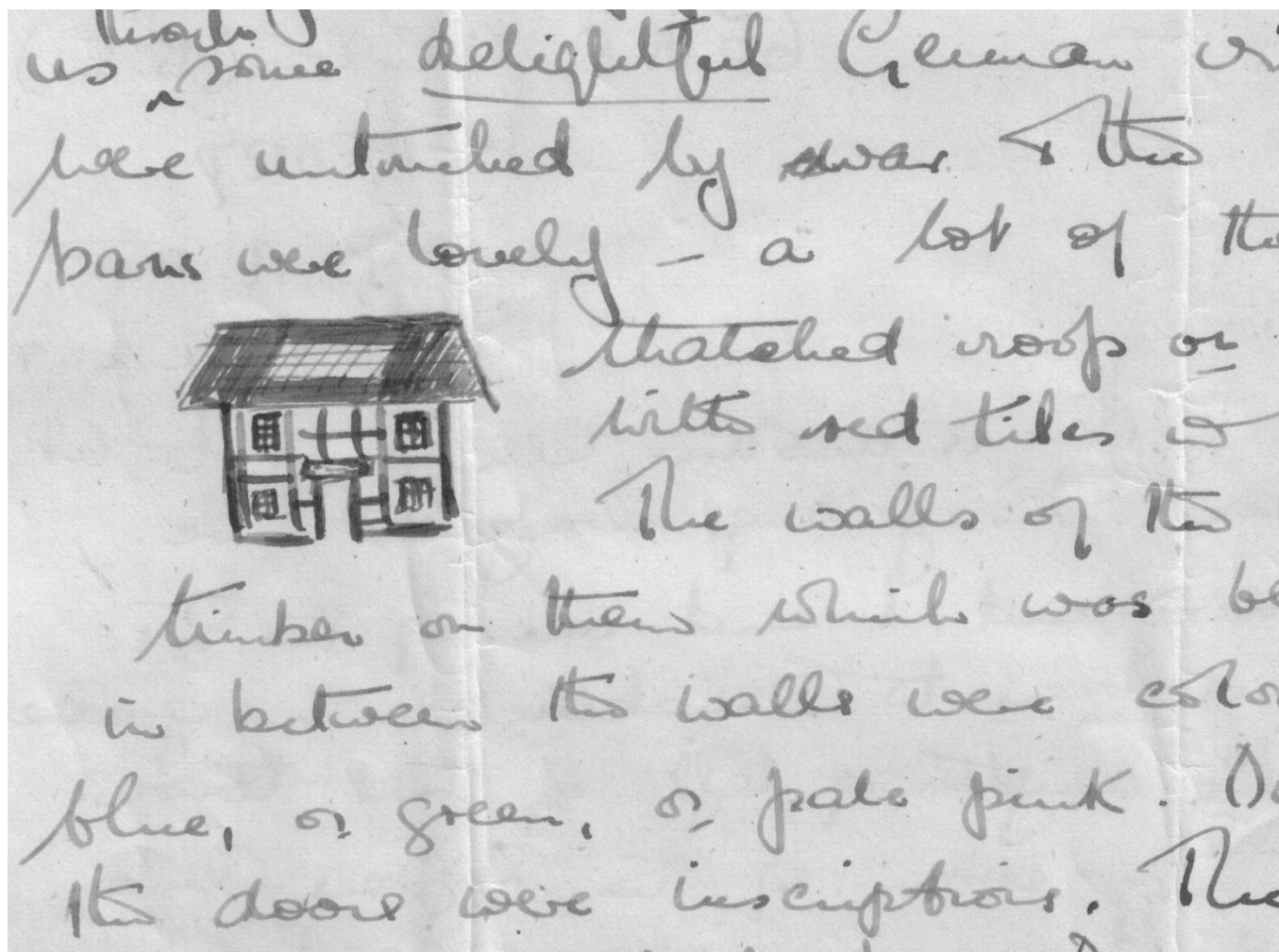


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Catalogue of the

Papers of Arabella Kurdi



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Fonds

1947-
[1971]

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Deposited collection

Papers of Arabella Kurdi

Scope and Content

Papers relating to work with the BFES in Germany, 1947-1951, and to the social and living conditions in post-War Germany. These include an album of photographs of conditions in Germany, of friends and colleagues and of BFES schools; correspondence, including letters from Arabella to her parents describing her work and experiences in Germany; material relating to the school meals service, including a recipe book; notes for a lecture on 'Working and living in Germany'; printed material, including a map of BFES schools and copies of the BFES Gazette.

Extent

1 box

Biographical History

The British Families Education Service (BFES) was established by the Foreign Office in 1946 to provide schooling for the children of British families stationed in the British Zone of Germany after the Second World War, and amidst the post-War devastation. In the winter of 1951-1952 it was taken over by the Army and became Service Children's Education. Arabella Kurdi, then Pallister, went to Germany in February 1947 and worked as School Meals and Domestic Science Organiser for the Service. As such she travelled widely within the British Zone and visited many schools and different areas of the country.

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Custodial History

Given by Arabella Kurdi to the Archives in 2002.

Finding Aids

Electronic and paper lists.

Related Collections

The Institute of Education also holds the records of the BFES/SCE Association (DC/BFE), and the papers of Mimi Hatton (DC/MH).

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AK/1	<i>Series</i> Printed material	1947- [1971]
	9 items	
AK/1/1	<i>Item</i> BFES Gazette No.1, Wednesday, 6th August	1947
AK/1/2	<i>Item</i> BFES Gazette No. 2, Wednesday, 3rd September	1947
AK/1/3	<i>Item</i> BFES Gazette No. 20, August	1953
AK/1/4	<i>Item</i> Report of the Control Commission for Germany Report for the month of February, 1950, Vol. 5, No. 2 of the Control Commission for Germany (British Element) / prepared by the Monthly Section of the Chancery on behalf of the UK High Commissioner	1950
AK/1/5	<i>Item</i> 'The origins of the British Families Education Service' By F. H. Buckley and W. W. Smith. 20pp.	[1971]
AK/1/6	<i>Item</i> Guide to school meals Prepared by Miss P. A. Pollard and Miss A. Pallister, including suggestions and recipes in English and German. 32pp.	1948
AK/1/7	<i>Item</i> Report on school meals Report on the school meals service arrangements for the BFES in the British Zone of Germany, made by Her Majesty's Inspection of Schools. 8pp.	1947
AK/1/8	<i>Item</i> School accommodation schedules Published by the BFES. 24pp + appendix	1948
AK/1/9	<i>Item</i> Map of BFES schools 1 sheet	1950

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AK/2	Series Memorabilia	1947- 1951
	10 items	
AK/2/1	Item Lecture notes Notes for a lecture on 'Working and living in Germany', February 1947 - August 1951. 14pp.	1951
AK/2/10	Item Postcard Postcard of chimney sweep.	1947
AK/2/2	Item Application Application for sleeper or seat on special train. 1p.	1947
AK/2/3	Item Pass Russian pass for road travel to Berlin (in Russian). 1p.	1947
AK/2/4	Item Pass Pass giving authority to take vehicles out of the British zone of Germany. 2 copies	1947
AK/2/5	Item Invitation Invitation to zum Richtfest (roof festival), with note explaining origins of festival.	1950
AK/2/6	Item Sketch and note on the Russian garden of remembrance in Berlin 3pp.	n.d.
AK/2/7	Item Souvenir booklet A souvenir booklet of 'The passion play, Oberammergau', compiled by The Rev. A. S. Hullah. 16pp.	1950
AK/2/8	Item Postcards 2 postcards of The Passion Play Theatre, Oberammergau (attached to sheet).	1950
AK/2/9	Item Postcards Postcards of places and buildings in Germany Miss Pallister sent to parents, with comments on the impact of the war, including the Elbe Bridge in Hamburg; Unter der Linden, Tiergarten, and cathedral in Berlin. 7 items	1947

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AK/3	Series Photographs	1947- 1950
	Access category D: only available at the Archivist's discretion.	
AK/3/1	Item Photograph album	1947- 1951
	Photograph album of Miss Pallister's stay in Germany, February 5th 1947 - August 28th 1951. Includes pictures of friends and colleagues; post-war conditions in Germany; towns and BFES schools visited. (20 leaves + various loose photographs and postcards)	
AK/3/2	File Photographs	1950
	Photograph of the Kromme family whom Miss Pallister stayed with in Germany ; 2 photographs of Land Wiedersachsen, farm house, near Hannover (attached to sheet).3 photos. Access category D: only available at the Archivist's discretion.	
AK/3/3	File Photographs	n.d.
	3 photographs of BFES schools: Hannover Nursery, Hannover Infants and Bonn (attached to sheet). Access category D: only available at the Archivist's discretion.	
AK/3/4	Item Photograph	1950
	Photograph of Munchen Gladbach school. Access category D: only available at the Archivist's discretion.	

AK/4	Series	1947-
	Correspondence	1948
	Access category D: only available at the Archivist's discretion.	
AK/4/1	File	1947-
	Correspondence with her parents	1948
	Collection of Miss Pallister's letters to her parents, covering the period from her arrival in Herford, Germany in February 1947 to June 1948. Includes details of her extensive travels around Germany and trips made to various German towns to visit schools, with notes on the living conditions and impact of the war.	
	25 items	
AK/4/2	Item	1947
	Letter from Mr Calmund	
	Letter to Miss Pallister from Mr Calmund (German resident) describing the conditions in Germany during and after the war. 4pp.	
AK/4/3	Item	1947
	Letter	
	Letter to Miss Pallister's parents from the father of a German POW in a camp in Yorkshire. 2pp.	